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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I and my have been using the low cost low volume prepaid cell phone service for safety and limited messages. Already, cell phone service quite a bit more expensive than the old wired telephone in my house. This is why I chose prepaid service because it is cheaper for low volume use. This new USF Charge appears to be another TAX that we don't need. At minimum usage, this cellphone costs me about \$8 per month... your USF TAX amounts to an additional TWELVE (12.5) percent.

PLEASE to not add this charge.... I suspect that there are some big corporations that encourage the FCC to increase the USFund. PLEASE CONSIDER the CONSUMER and do not add this UNNECESSARY CHARGE.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members